

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

Address: Whitegates Park Middlemuir Road Lenzie East Dunbartonshire

Proposal: Erection of a secondary school including road access, landscaping, car parking, sports pitches, recreational areas and associated development.

Case Officer: Fraser McNair

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this application for the following reasons:

1. It will mean the loss of a public park - Whitegates Park is approximately 68,000 square metres of public green space currently used for recreation by the local community. Previous consultation responses recorded significant concern from residents about building the school on the park
2. There are protected trees, and we are told they make a positive contribution to the surrounding area in terms of visual amenity, biodiversity and landscape value and provide a clear public benefit
3. National Planning Framework 4 policy-The loss of public open space such as parks should only be approved if the planning authority can demonstrate that the space is no longer required or that an equivalent or better replacement will be provided. This is not the case here the replacement is some distance away for current park users
4. Project documentation associated with the proposal identifies £7.76 million in mitigation measures. This could be avoided by building on the current site
5. Access/Congestion - The streets leading to the new site will be congested at drop-off and pick-up times. I believe the transport assessment has grossly underestimated the volume of traffic
6. Contaminated land remediation -Project planning includes £4.8 million allocated for the removal of hazardous waste materials from the Whitegates Park site prior to construction due to contaminants identified in earlier ground in. It is clear there are public funds that could be saved

7. The current Lenzie Academy campus at Myrtle Avenue already has established school infrastructure including road access, drainage, utilities and transport links

8. Re-routing amenities - Scottish Water are concerned as the main exists on the site & will potentially involve re-routing, and they are concerned that construction with the known toxic waste and heavy metals in the soil could cause contaminated run off to enter the public sewer system or local watercourses.